

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 036478
ORIGIN ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NSC-05 INSE-00 SS-15 DHA-02 ORM-02 VO-03
CIAE-00 FBIE-00 NSAE-00 L-03 SIL-01 SNM-02 DEAE-00
AID-05 PC-01 H-01 JUSE-00 /051 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/MEX:G.FALK:DMM
APPROVED BY ARA: W.H.LUERS
ARA/MEX:J.T.DREYFUSS
NSC:M.BROWNELL
INS:J.GREENE
S/S - MR. SEBASTIAN
-----171815 081553 /43
P 171745Z FEB 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO PRIORITY
INFO AMCONSUL TIJUANA PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 036478

E.O. 11652: N.A.

TAGS: CGEN, PFOR, MX, US.

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SAN DIEGO MEETING ON ILLEGAL ALIEN
PROBLEMS BEING ARRANGED BY MAYOR PETE WILSON.

REF: MEXICO 1742

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE MESSAGE SENT TO
PRESIDENT CARTER BY MAYOR OF SAN DIEGO, PETE WILSON:

QUOTE: MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, I REQUEST
YOUR ASSISTANCE TO BRING ABOUT A MEETING OF APPROPRIATE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 036478

SENIOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROB-
LEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GROWING ILLEGAL INFLUX OF MEXICAN
NATIONALS INTO THIS COUNTRY.

MY MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THE HEIGHTENED
AND INTOLERABLE INCIDENCE OF CRIME ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL
BORDER. IN RECENT MONTHS, WE HAVE WITNESSED BOTH MEXICAN

AND AMERICAN RESIDENTS--AS WELL AS ALIENS THEMSELVES--
BECOME THE VICTIMS OF A GROWING INCIDENCE OF ROBBERY,
ASSAULTS AND MURDERS AT AND AROUND THE BORDER.

BECAUSE FEDERAL AGENCIES HAVE LACKED THE MAN-
POWER AND OTHER RESOURCES TO POLICE THE BORDER, OUR CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO DO SO IN AN EFFORT TO
REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF ALIEN-RELATED CRIME IN THE AREA.

BUT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES WHICH WE CAN
DIVERT TO THIS ACTIVITY CANNOT ADEQUATELY DEAL WITH WHAT IS
A FAR LARGER AND NOT A LOCAL PROBLEM. BECAUSE THE RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR BORDER PATROL AND IMMIGRATION IS A MATTER OF
FEDERAL JURISDICTION, WE TURN TO YOU FOR ASSISTANCE IN
SOLVING WHAT HAS BECOME A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION THREATEN-
ING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR CITIZENS.

I REQUEST THAT YOU SECURE THE ATTENDANCE AND
COOPERATION OF APPROPRIATE SENIOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS FROM
THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND STATE AT A MEETING IN SAN
DIEGO ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 9 A.M. IN ROOM 2000 OF THE
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 202 C STREET WITH HONORABLE
LIONEL VAN DEERLIN, OUR LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

THE IMMEDIATE CRIME PROBLEM OCCASIONING MY CON-
CERN IS, OF COURSE, ONLY PART OF THE MUCH LARGER PROBLEM
OF THE CONTINUED FLOW OF ILLEGAL ALIENS INTO THE U.S. FROM
THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY OFFER THESE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 036478

TWO OBSERVATIONS:

FIRST, WITHOUT THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF MEXICAN
OFFICIALS ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER TO RESTRAIN
ILLEGAL ENTRY BY MEXICAN NATIONALS, EVEN A GREATLY AUG-
MENTED FEDERAL EFFORT ON OUR SIDE OF THE BORDER WILL
LIKELY BE UNSUCCESSFUL.

SECOND, IT IS THE OBVIOUS DISPARITY OF ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS ON THE TWO SIDE OF THE BORDER THAT CONTINUES TO
PROMPT THE MASSIVE FLOW OF MEXICAN NATIONALS INTO THE
U.S. ILLEGALLY, NOT JUST AT SAN YSIDRO BUT ALL ALONG THE
U.S./MEXICAN BORDER. THE RESULTING WHOLESAL IMMIGRA-
TION FROM THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO NORTH TO THE BORDER
SEVERELY IMPACTS NOT JUST MY COMMUNITY AND OTHER U.S.
BORDER CITIES, BUT ALSO OUR SISTER MEXICAN BORDER COMMUNI-
TIES WHICH IS, TO SAY THE LEAST GRAVELY CHALLENGING.

ALTHOUGH THIS ECONOMIC DISPARITY IS OF SUCH
CHALLENGING DIMENSIONS THAT IT CANNOT BE QUICKLY OR
EASILY ELIMINATED, I SUGGEST THAT THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE

UNITED STATES (AND, AGAIN, NOT JUST BORDER COMMUNITIES BUT CITIES AS FAR AWAY AS CHICAGO AND DETROIT) WOULD BE SERVED WERE WE TO CONSCIOUSLY AND EXPLICITLY ADDRESS HOW SOME SHARPLY FOCUSED U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE MIGHT HELP THE

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PRODUCE A BETTERMENT OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO SO AS TO REDUCE THE IMPETUS FOR IMMIGRATION NORTH TO AND ACROSS THE U.S./ MEXICAN BORDER.

SUCH ASSISTANCE COULD BE EXPLICITLY CONDITIONED UPON SPECIFIC COOPERATION BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO RESTRAIN ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.

AND IN FACT, STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO MAKE CLEAR THE PROPER AND UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO NOT LOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 036478

SOME OF ITS MOST AMBITIOUS, TALENTED AND ENERGETIC CITIZENS WHO MAY ATTEMPT ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SEARCH OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE MEXICAN INTERIOR.

ACCORDINGLY, I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS LAST SUGGESTION AND SOLICIT THE INFLUENCE OF YOUR OFFICE IN INVITING THE ATTENDANCE OF APPROPRIATE MEXICAN FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO THE MEETING IN

SAN DIEGO IN FEBRUARY 18 TO EXPLORE AND ACHIEVE THE U.S./MEXICAN COOPERATION SO CLEARLY NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS MUTUAL PROBLEM.

I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS ENJOYED THE MOST CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP BOTH WITH OUR LONGTIME GOOD NEIGHBOR, THE CITY OF TIJUANA, AND WITH A SUCCESSION OF MEXICAN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. I WAS RECENTLY PRIVILEGED TO ATTEND AS A PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES HONORING PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO. SAN DIEGO HAS HAD AND WILL HAVE INCREASINGLY FREQUENT AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS CONTACT NOT ONLY WITH TIJUANA AND MEXICALI BUT WITH MEXICO CITY. IF IS THE DESIRE OF THIS COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE BENEFITS OF COMMERCE, TOURISM AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH OUR VALUED MEXICAN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

BUT THE PROBLEM HERE AT SAN DIEGO, NOTWITHSTANDING OUR LOCAL WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SOLUTION HAS REACHED THE POINT OF ABSOLUTELY REQUIRING THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO STANDS READY TO EXTEND OUR
COOPERATION IN WHATEVER MEASURE MAY BE NECESSARY TO ELIMI-
NATE THE PROBLEM AND ACHIEVE THE RICH POTENTIAL OF THE GOOD
RELATIONS THAT WE SO EARNESTLY DESIRE WITH OUR MEXICAN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 05 STATE 036478

NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

SINCERELY,

PETE WILSON, MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY OF SAN
DIEGO CA FON 236-6730
13:33 EST
MGMCOMP MGM END QUOTE.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE INFORMED MAYOR WILSON (FEB 9) THAT
HIS LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
IN THE DEPT. OF STATE AND JUSTICE AND THAT HE WOULD BE
HEARING FROM THESE AGENCIES CONCERNING THE MEETING BEING
PLANNED.

3. DEPT. AND INS ARE PRESENTLY EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF
HAVING OFFICIALS ATTEND SAN DIEGO MEETING.
HARTMAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MAYOR, PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE, MEETINGS, ALIENS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE036478
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: G.FALK:DMM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770057-0410
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770231/aaaabbcd.tel
Line Count: 202
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 249517c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MEXICO 1742
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3293565
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED SAN DIEGO MEETING ON ILLEGAL ALIEN PROBLEMS BEING ARRANGED BY MAYOR PETE WILSON.
TAGS: CGEN, PFOR, MX, US, (WILSON, PETE), (CARTER, JIMMY)
To: MEXICO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/249517c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009